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# ***Region 6 Block Management Program***

**Hunting Access Enhancement  
Coordinator**

**Tim Potter Jr.**





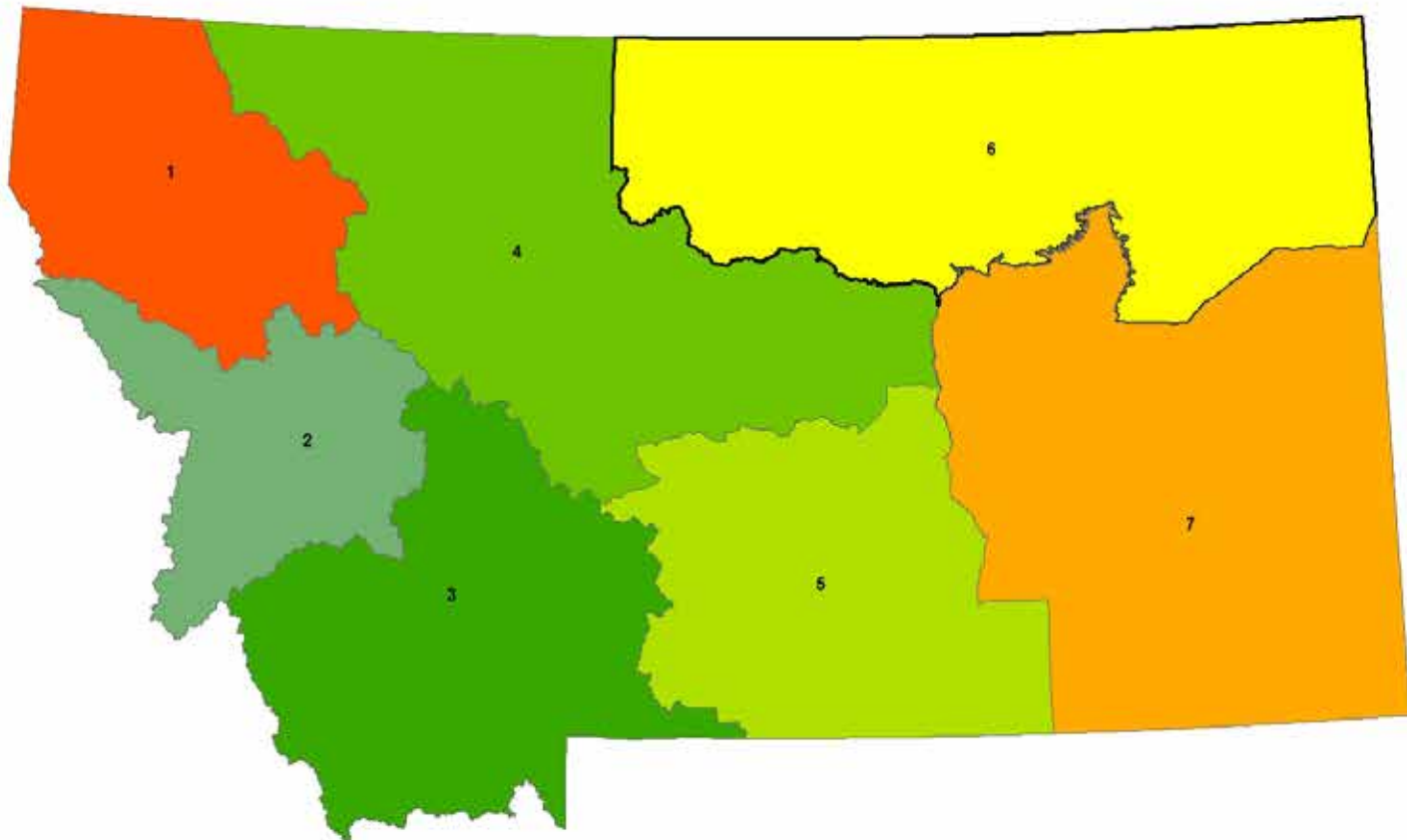
# My History

- From Glasgow and Raised on the family farm along the Milk River
- College in MSU-Bozeman
- 9 season as Regional Hunting Access Technician
  - 63% HAT and 37% WMA Technician
- Recently hired as HAEC



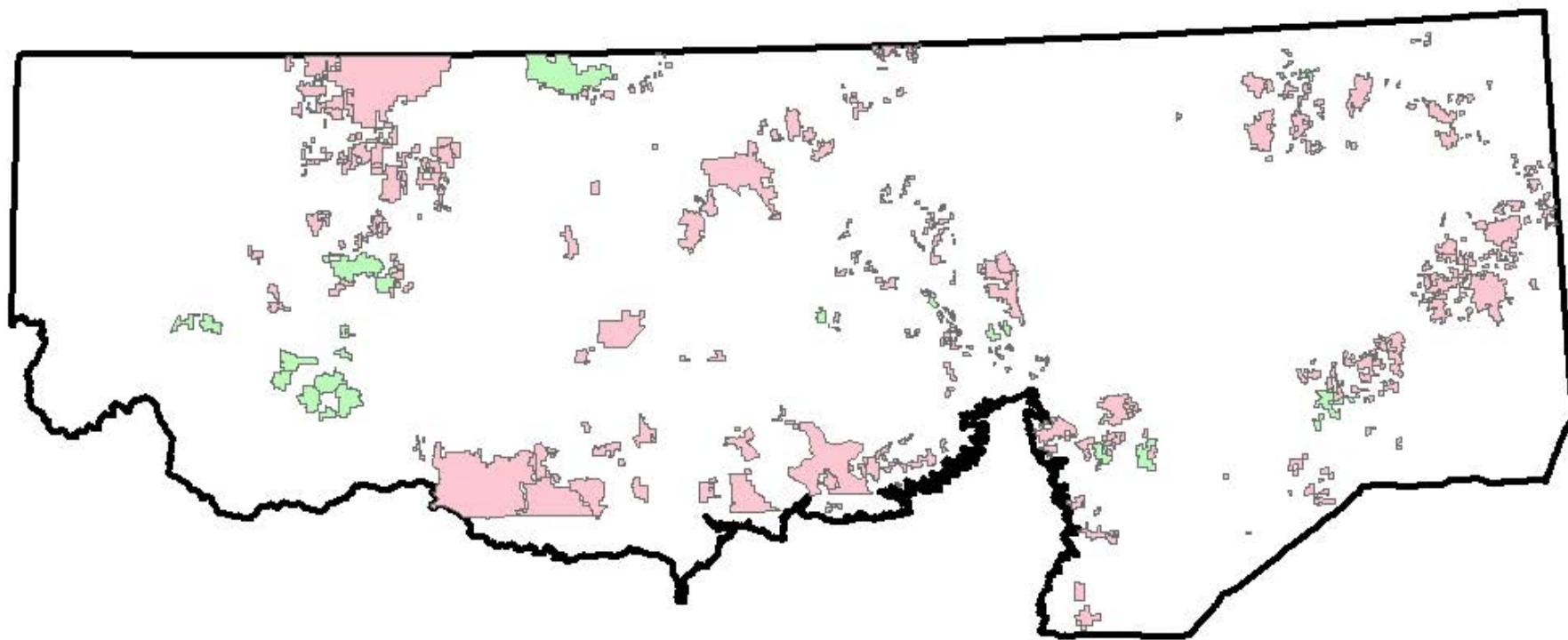
# R6 BMP 2013 Information

- Second Largest Region

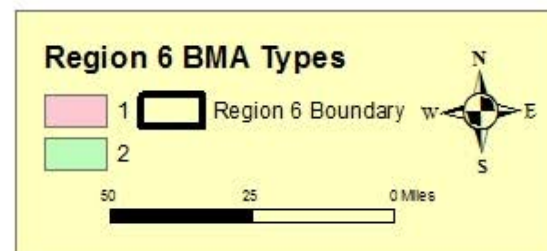




# R6 Block Management Areas

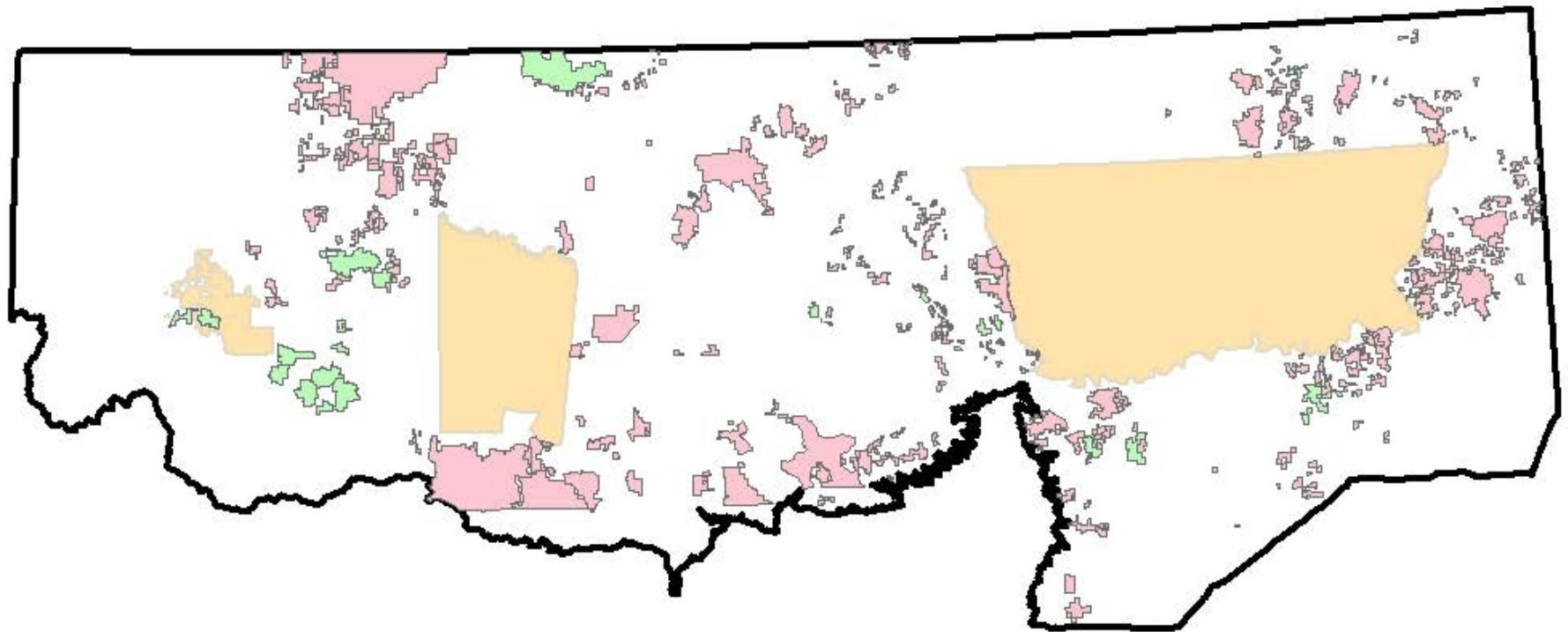


- Type I and Type II



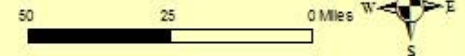


# R6 BMA and Reservations



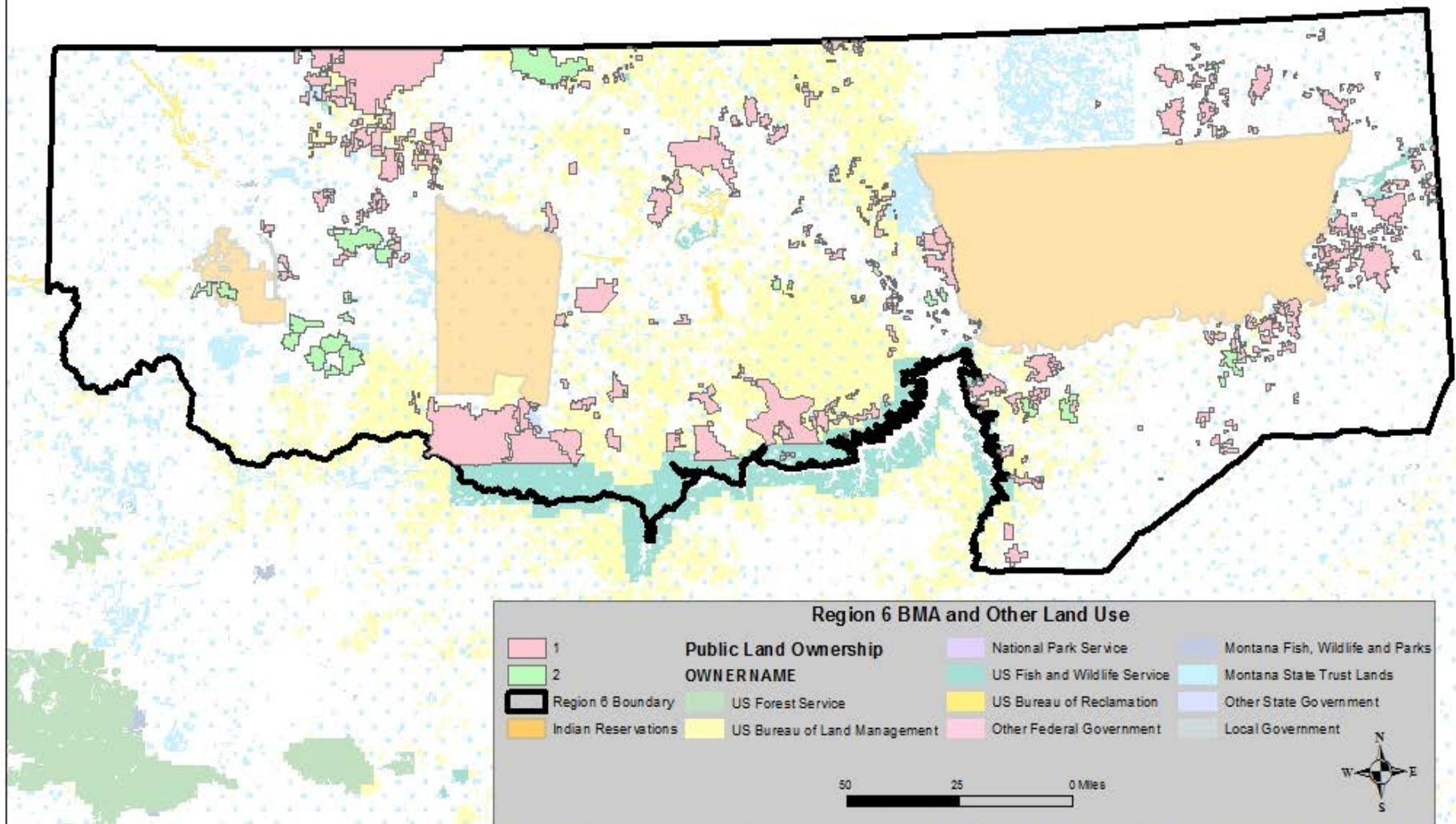
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- 1 Region 6 Boundary
- 2 Indian Reservations



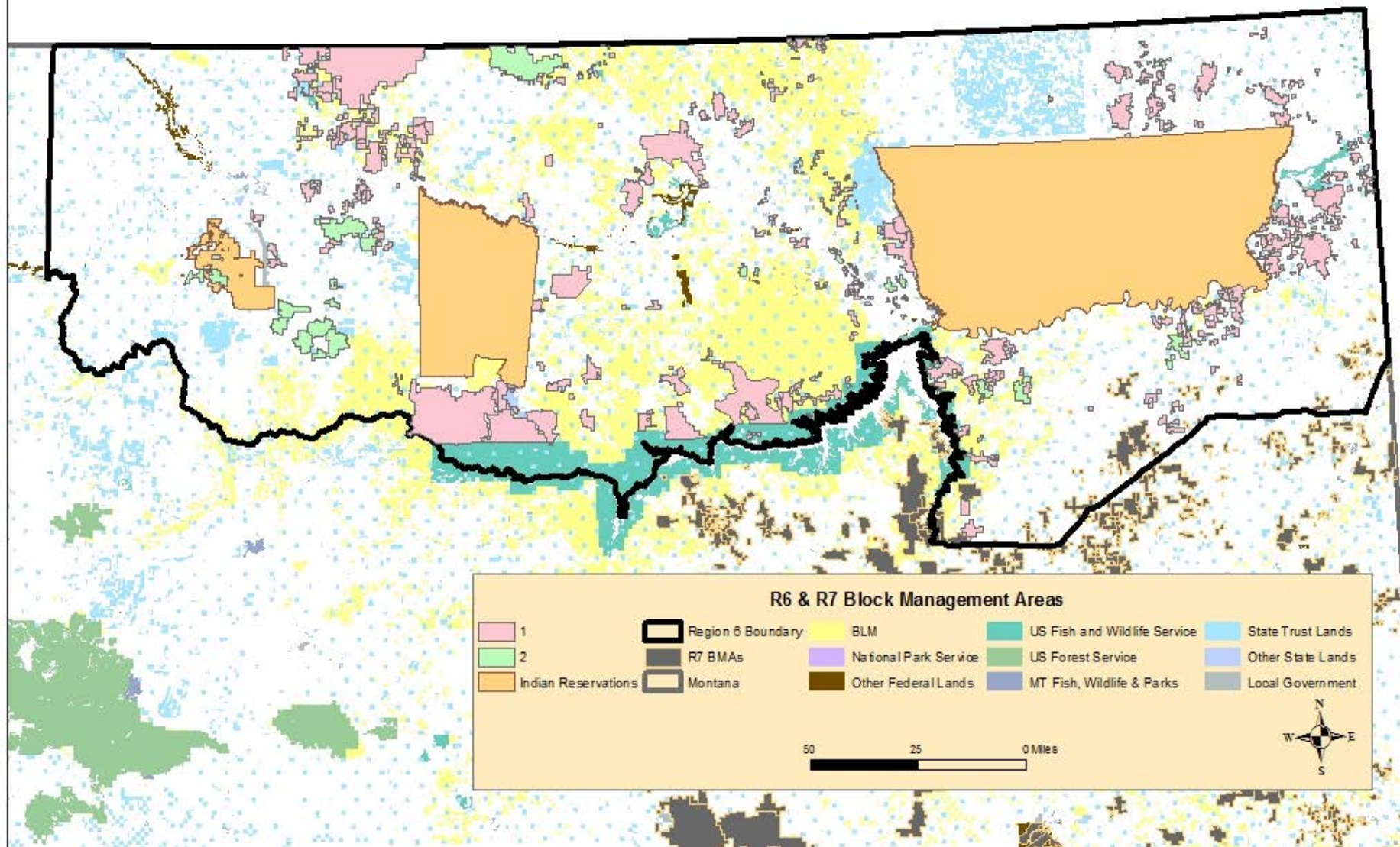


# R6 BMAs and Public Land Ownership



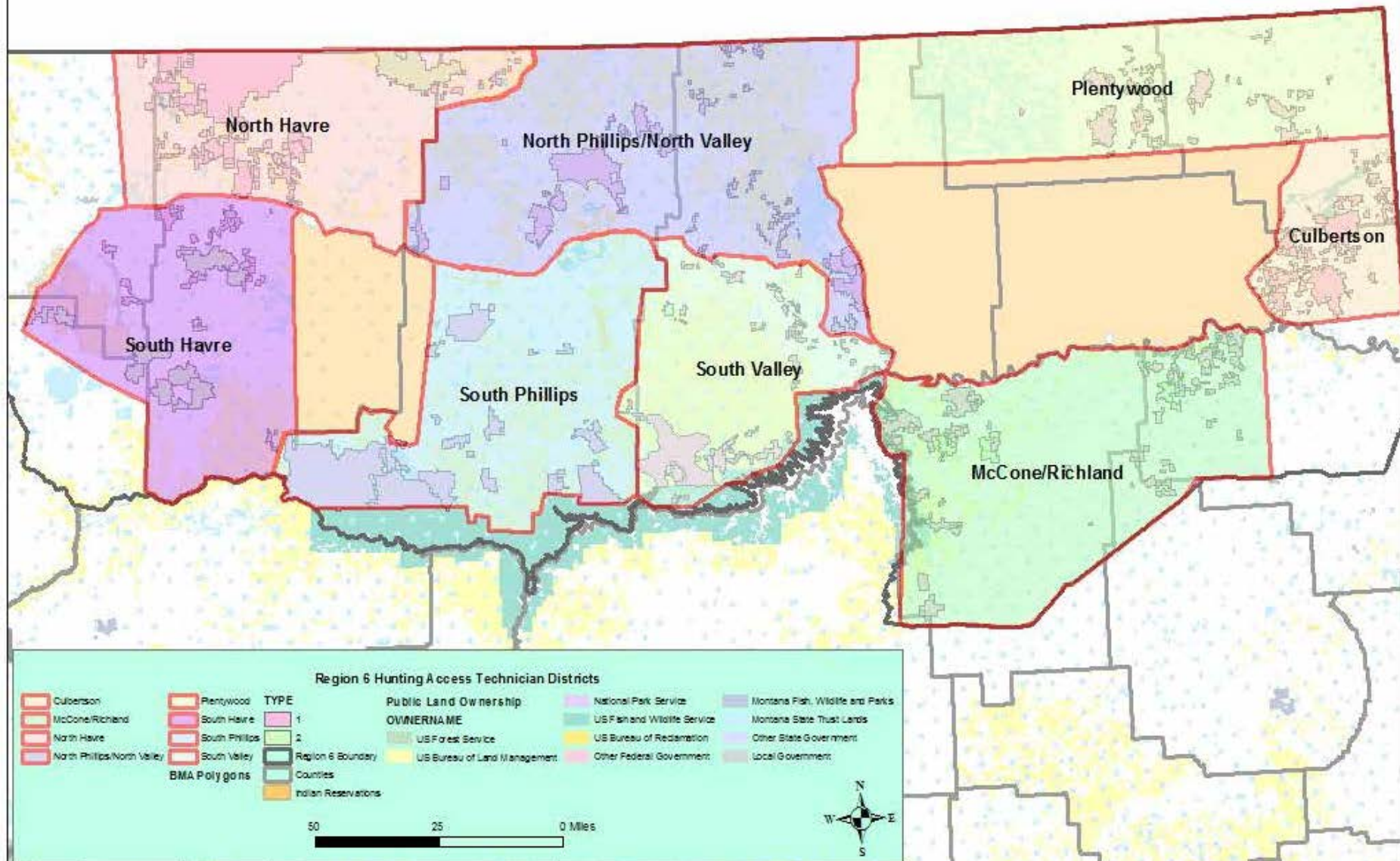


# BMA in Region 6 Administered by Region 7





# Hunting Access Technicians







# HAT Duties

- BMA Season Set up
- Landowner Contacts
- BMA Patrolling
- Hunter Compliance
- BMA Maintenance
- HAT Season Reports
- HAT Season Aug. 20-Jan. 10







# HAT Duties





An aerial photograph of a snowy mountain slope. Several deer are visible on the slope, some standing and some moving. The snow is white with some brown patches of vegetation. The deer are brown and white. The slope is steep and covered in snow. The deer are scattered across the slope, with some in the foreground and some in the background. The deer are facing different directions, some towards the camera and some away from it. The deer are standing on the snow, and their shadows are visible on the snow. The deer are of various sizes, including adults and young fawns. The deer are in a natural habitat, and the image shows them in their environment. The image is a high-angle shot, looking down at the deer from above. The image is clear and shows the details of the deer and the snow. The image is a good example of wildlife photography. The image is a good example of a natural scene. The image is a good example of a photograph of deer in the snow.

# 2013 Hunting Season

- **Total Hunter Days = 55,024**  
Up 7%
- **Resident HDs = 36,230**  
Up 4%
- **Non Resident HDs = 18,794**  
Up 13%





## Region 6 Hunter Comment Tally

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	Total Slips	Observations Reported	# Observed Game	% Observed	# Harvests Reported	# Harvested Game	% Harvested	Satisfaction Level Reported	# Hunters Satisfied	% Hunter Satisfaction
North Valley	350	342	250	73%	337	89	26%	285	258	91%
South Valley	1138	1115	699	63%	1090	163	15%	899	776	86%
McCone	225	223	122	55%	213	21	10%	189	162	86%
Richland	327	324	232	72%	325	94	29%	229	222	97%
Plentywood	857	852	596	70%	849	295	35%	725	603	83%
Culbertson	1446	1427	1208	85%	1399	636	45%	1145	1064	93%
North Phillips	330	323	225	70%	315	75	24%	278	252	91%
South Phillips	1020	1009	603	60%	1000	138	14%	883	818	93%
Havre	1442	1436	1051	73%	1430	409	29%	1283	1205	94%
Totals	7135	7051	4986	71%	6958	1920	28%	5916	5360	91%
Region 6 Mail-in	167	167	125	75%	152	47	31%	134	124	93%
Grand Totals	7302	7218	5111	71%	7110	1967	28%	6050	5484	91%





# Five Year Averages

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013		5 Year Average
Satisfaction	91%	90%	91%	92%	91%		91%
Comment Slips	8,075	8,537	6,254	6,221	7,302		7,278
R6 Hunter Days	66,663	66,567	51,729	51,359	55,024		58,268
% Comments Returned	12.1%	12.8%	12.1%	12.1%	13.3%		12%



# Coordinator Duties

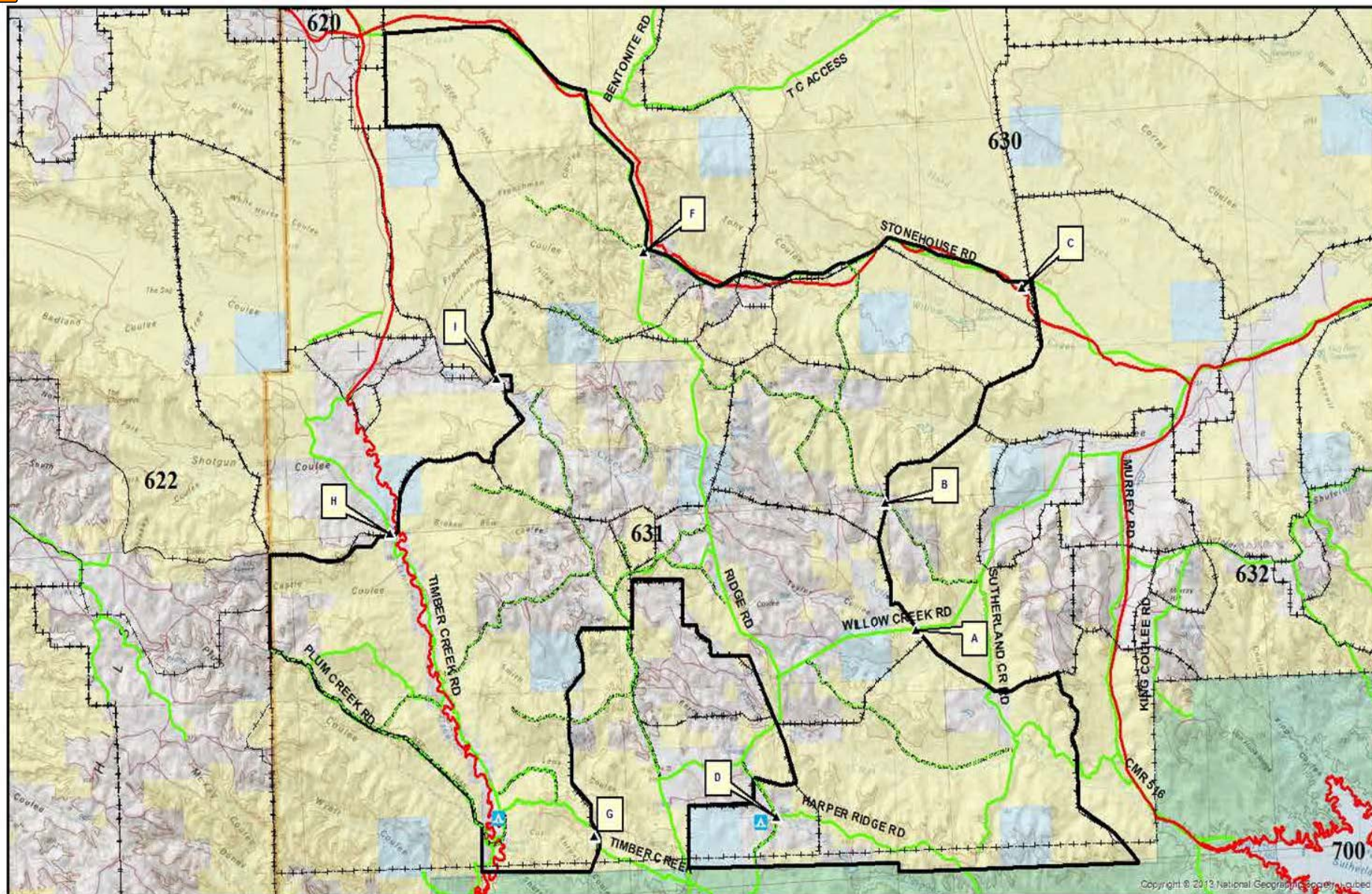
- Hunter Day/Hunter Comment Accounting
- Annual Report
- Allocation Request
- Oracle Database Updating/Contract Managing
- Re-enrollment Worksheets
- Annual Coordinator Meeting
- Enrollment Process
- Hire and Supervise HATs
- R6 Hunter Access Guide



# Coordinator Duties Cont.

- New Property Enrollment and Development
- Contract Deadline to Helena
- Map Updates and R6 GIS Data Management
- Supervise BMA Set Up
- Season Responsibilities





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### Map Legend

- |               |                |                    |                              |                           |
|---------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ▲ Sign-in Box | Access Trail   | ✂ Allotment Fences | US Bureau of Land Management | Montana State Trust Lands |
| ⛺ Campsite    | Ranch Boundary | Roads              | US Fish and Wildlife Service |                           |

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### 63 Page-Whitham Block Management Area

Notice: This map is for Block Management purposes only.  
Roads and Land Ownership outside of Block Management Area  
boundaries MAY NOT be accurately represented.

Created By: R6 Technician

Region 6  
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks  
Block Management Program

Date: July 30, 2012





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Block Management Area**

Effective Dates: September 1 – December 31

Primary Hunting Opportunities: Elk, Mule Deer, Antelope, and Upland Game Birds

Restricted Game: None, See current hunting regulations.

Associated BLM map: Fort Peck West

**BMA RULES**

- \* Motorized vehicles must stay on designated open roads. **IF NO SIGN IS VISIBLE, THAT ROAD IS CLOSED.**
- \* Off road motorized travel is prohibited
  - o *Exception:* Retrieval of **BIG GAME ANIMALS** is allowed using the most direct and least damaging route on private land only.
- \* Private land camping is allowed on camping areas located at Cottonwoods and Timber Creek Camps.
- \* Open fires are prohibited at designated private camping areas.
- \* Littering is prohibited on all lands.
- \* All gates must be left as found, unless signed OPEN or CLOSED.
- \* *Map depicts actual ranch pasture boundaries. BMA applies only to private lands within these pasture boundaries.*

*Separate restrictions apply to public lands within or adjoining the boundaries of the BMA. Please, contact your local federal and state agencies for more information.*

*Please, report any BMA rule violation or any game law violation to your nearest Montana FWP Employee or call 1-800-TIP-MONT.*

**2012 edition**



2344

523	total Res
86	total Non
104	total Res
3	total Non
68	total Res
35	total Non
476	total Res
- 80	total Non
	total Res
	total Non
300	total Res
142	total Non
290	total Res
159	total Non
67	total Res
1	total Non
2	total Res
8	total Non
	total Res
	total Non





# 63 Page-Whitham by the Numbers

- Max Contract Hunter Days = 1,091
- #63 Total Hunter Days = 2,344
- HDs over Max HDs = 1,254
- #63 First 3 Weeks = 415 HDs
- CE Elk HDs = 300
- CE would be met in first 3 weeks
- Hunter Satisfaction = 83%



# HUNTERS NOTICE

Each member of your party must  
complete a slip DAILY.

Please fill out permission slips  
completely. Your cooperation  
will help insure future hunting  
opportunities on this BMA and others.



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# Issues Facing R6 BMP







# Bison Issues

- Total Number of BMAs Lost = 9
- Acres Lost = 57,426
- Hunter Days Lost = 2,345







# Other Issues and Thoughts

- Lost River WMA Purchase
- Quality Hunts
- Standardized Payment
- BMP Administrative Organization



# LEAVING

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## BLOCK MANAGEMENT AREA



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